

**MINUTES**  
**Public Hearing of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 11 - 7:15 p.m.**

**Ordinance 10-O-03**

**An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland,  
Amending Chapter 110 “Fees And Penalties”, By Repealing And Reenacting §110-1 “Fees  
And Interests” To Increase The Application Fees For The Occupancy Permits Required By  
Chapter 144, And To Increase The Fees For Issuance And Renewal Of Parking Permits Issued  
Under Chapter 151, And By Repealing And Reenacting §110-2, “Penalties” To Increase The  
Fines For Parking Meter And Pay Station Violations.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Nagle, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Cook  
(arrived at 7:19 p.m.), Afzali, and Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Stullich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen  
Miller, City Clerk; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Leo Thomas,  
Deputy Director of Finance; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services;  
Becca Lurie, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Groh gave an overview: This ordinance amends Chapter 110, Fees and Penalties, by increasing fees in three categories. Occupancy Permits would increase by \$10 per permit. The City bills for approximately 4,780 permits in this category each year. The last increase was May 2008; the projected revenue increase in FY 2011 is \$48,650. Permit Parking -- Residential Parking Permits Issuance and Renewal would increase by \$5, from \$5 to \$10. Approximately 2,800 permits are issued each year. The last increase to this fee was in June 2003 when it went from \$3 to \$5. The projected revenue increase in FY 2011 is \$14,000. The final category is for parking violations for expired meter and overtime parking at pay stations. The fine would increase from \$17.50 to \$20.00; approximately 28,000 tickets are issued annually for this type of violation. The last increase was in July 2004 when it went from \$15 to \$17.50. The projected revenue increase in FY 2011 of \$70,000 will go into the parking debt service fund to assist with the debt service for the permanent financing on the parking garage.

**Comments from the audience:**

**Phil Sawicki, 7204 Bowdoin Avenue:** He did not object to the increase in fees proposed in this ordinance. He commented on the planning and development on Route 1 in the future. He hopes the City will take a cautious approach. He discussed specific properties.

**Dave Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road:** He discussed the old days when parking was free and said now parking is viewed as a revenue source and the City tries to get as much as they can.

Regarding the fees for inspections of rental properties: he said inspections are looked at as a revenue source to fund other city operations. He said it takes no more than one hour of staff time for each inspection and the fee the City is charging amounts to nearly \$200 per hour for the inspection. The City should consider a private company that would only charge \$100 per hour. Doesn't all the new housing produce a lot of new revenue? Government always grows and never gets less expensive. Taxpayers want government to run efficiently and effectively and at the lowest cost. He asked the Council to reject the increases.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fellows adjourned the Public Hearing on Ordinance 10-O-03 at 7:27 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC City Clerk	Date Approved
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